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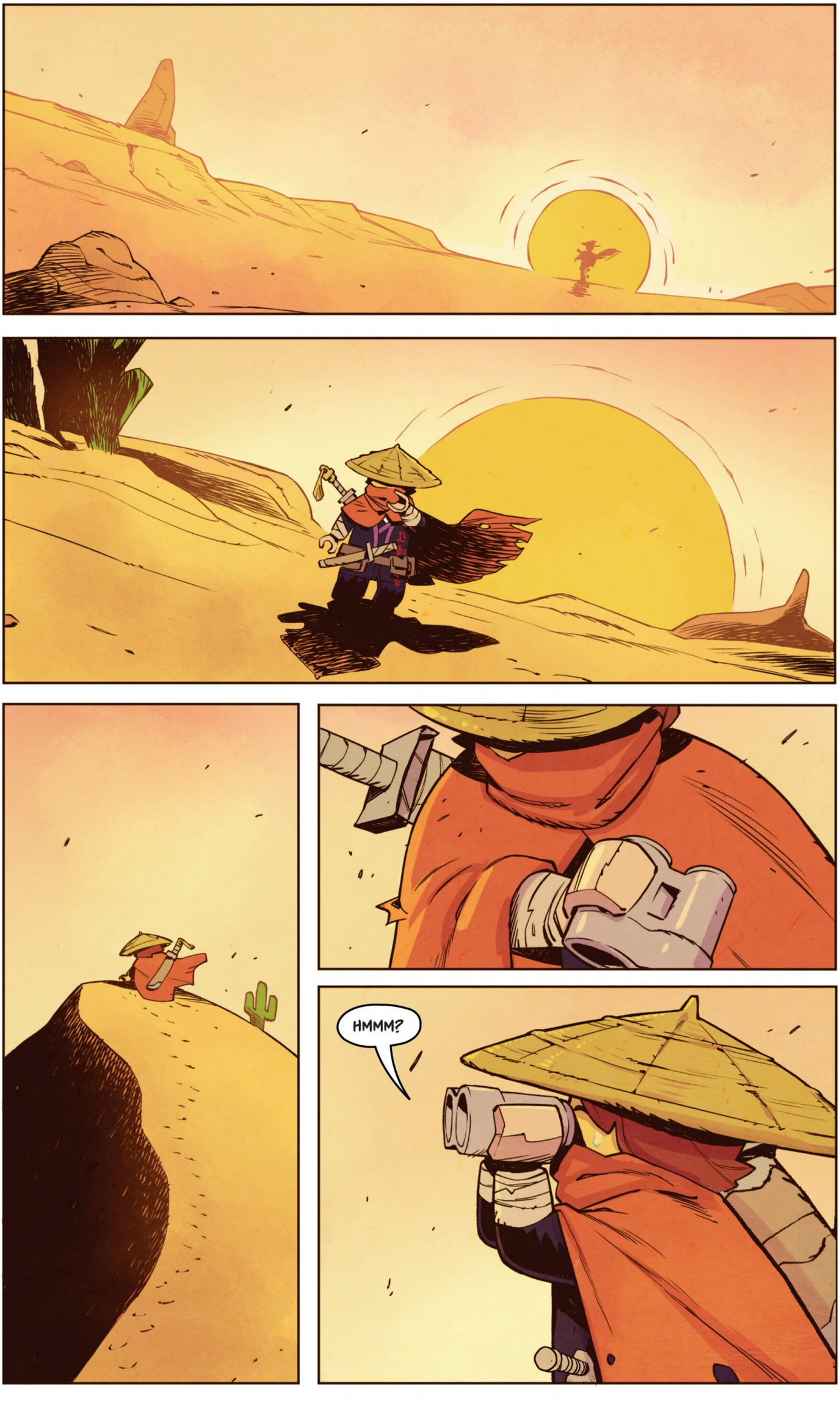
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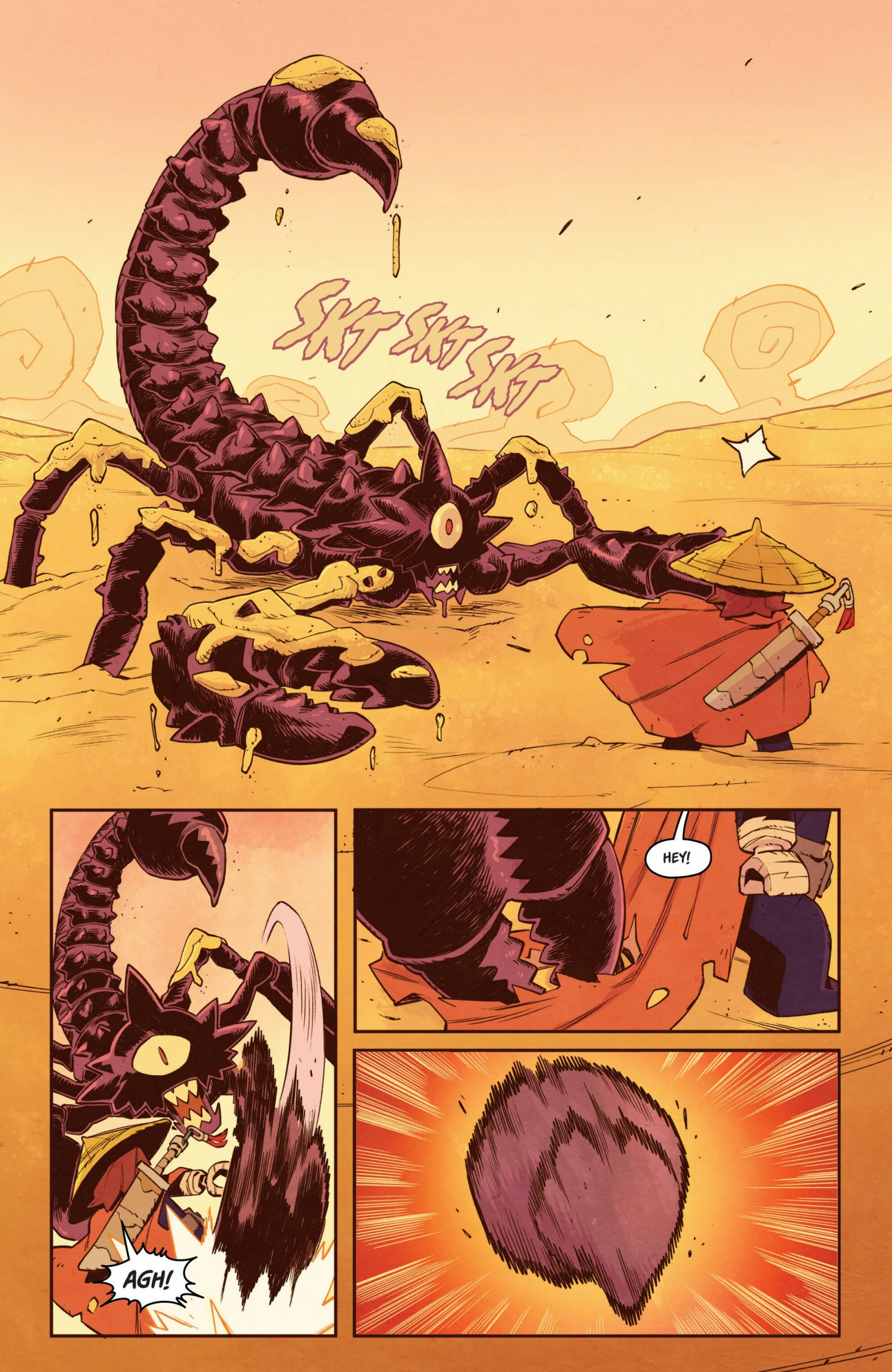
CAN IT BE?
IT IS! THIS MUST BE THE ENTRANCE.
AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON. MY WATER IS RUNNING A LITTLE LOW--
EH?


SKT SKT SKT
AGH!
HEY!

SHATTERSPIN

Part One: The Wyldness

THINK TWICE BEFORE ATTACKING, BEAST.
MY NEXT BLOW WON'T BE SO MERCIFUL.
A WISE DECISION.
GRRR...
"MERCY IS NOT A KINDNESS, GARMADON."

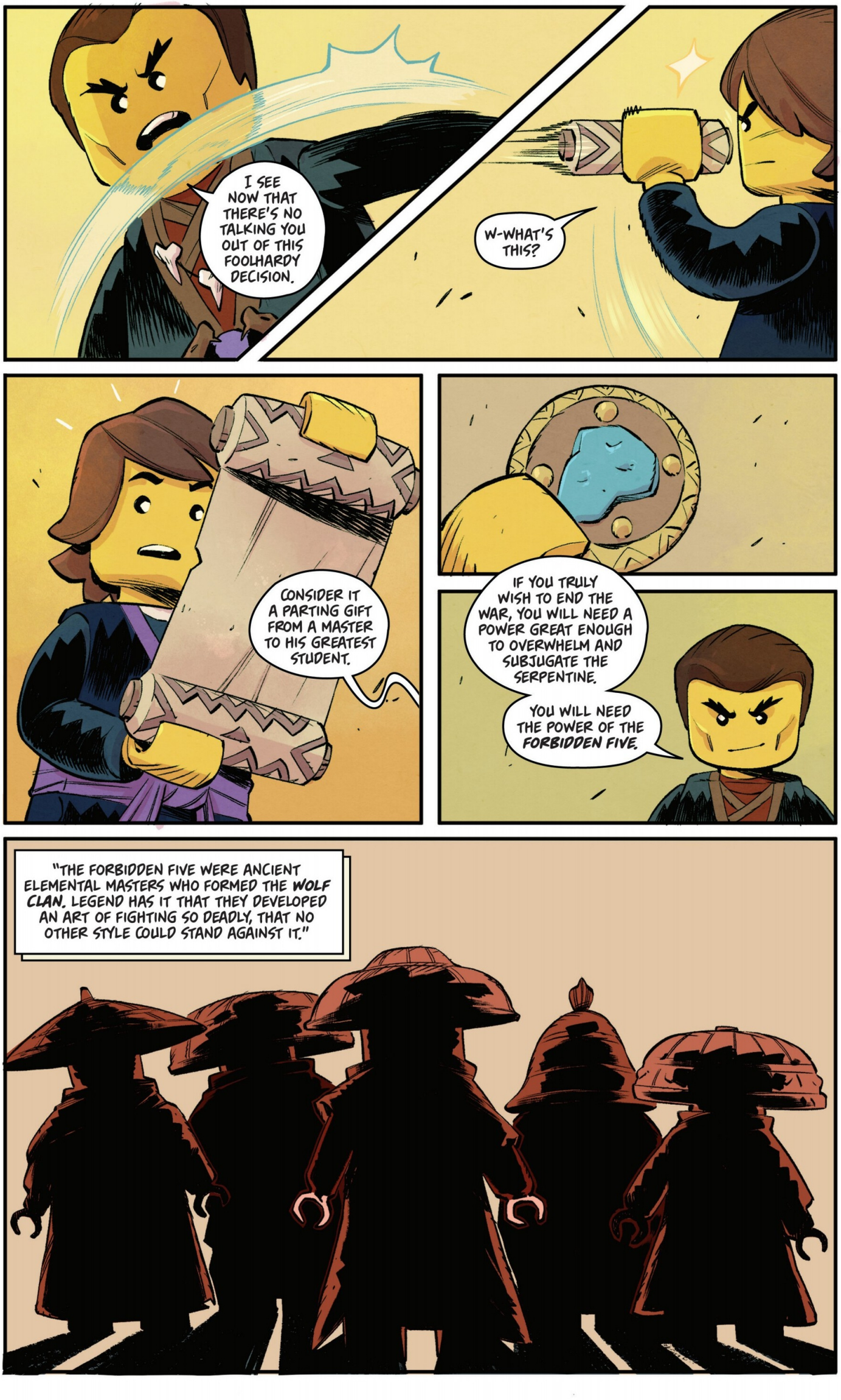
MERCY IS A WEAKNESS, FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO GIVE IT.
AND I DID NOT TEACH YOU TO BE WEAK.
YOU'VE TAUGHT ME MUCH, MASTER CHEN. FOR THAT, I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL.
BUT I WON'T BE YOUR STUDENT WHILE YOU AID THE SERPENTINE.

DO YOU THINK JOINING YOUR BROTHER TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SERPENTINE WILL SAVE NINJAGO?
IT WON'T. YOUR STRENGTH WILL ONLY PROLONG THE CONFLICT, AND BOTH SIDES WILL SUFFER IN THE END BECAUSE OF THE STALEMATE.

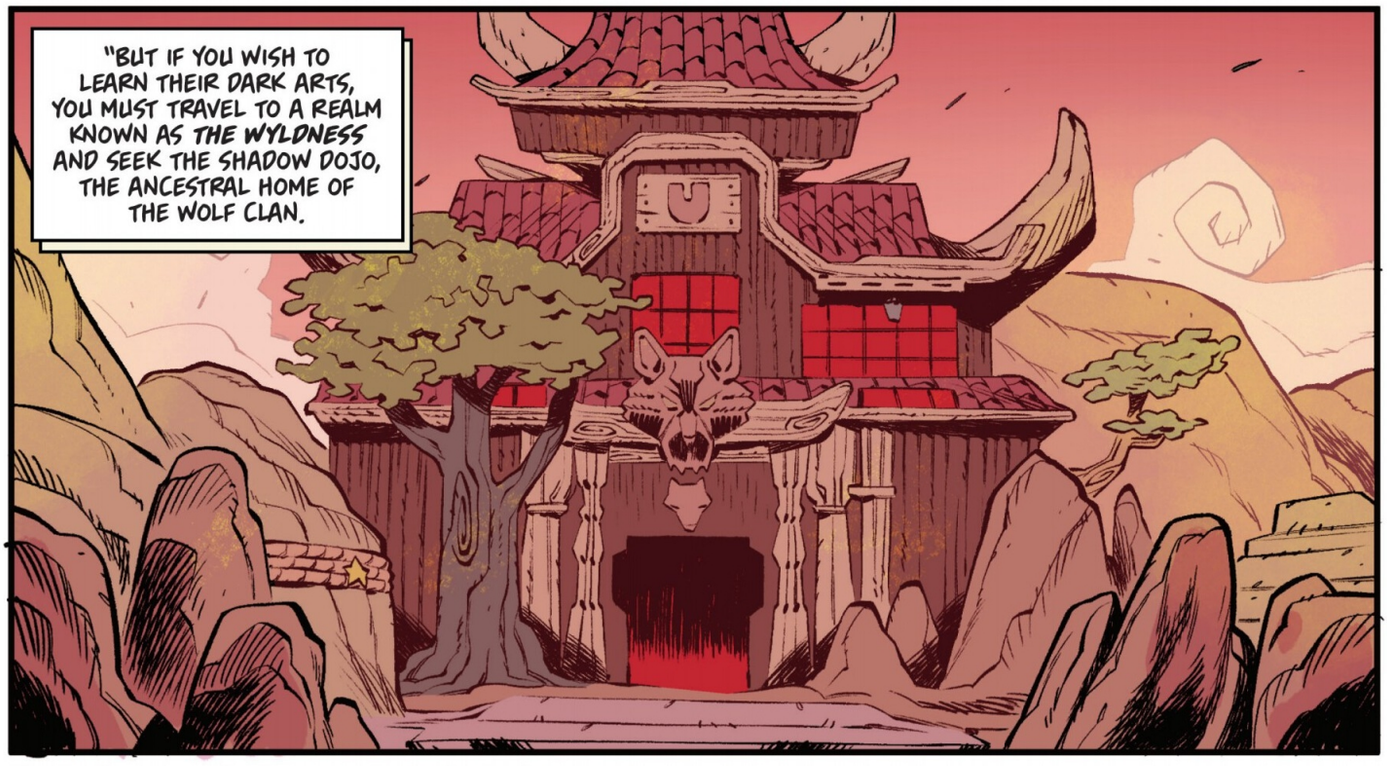
...
THEN WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO?
POWER IS THE KEY, GARMADON! ULTIMATE POWER!
OUR STRENGTH COMBINED WITH THE SERPENTINE WILL BRING A QUICK END TO A WASTEFUL CONFLICT. JOIN ME!

NO!
NINJAGO IS MY HOME, I WON'T TURN AGAINST IT! WHAT WOULD WU THINK OF ME...
OR MISAKO...

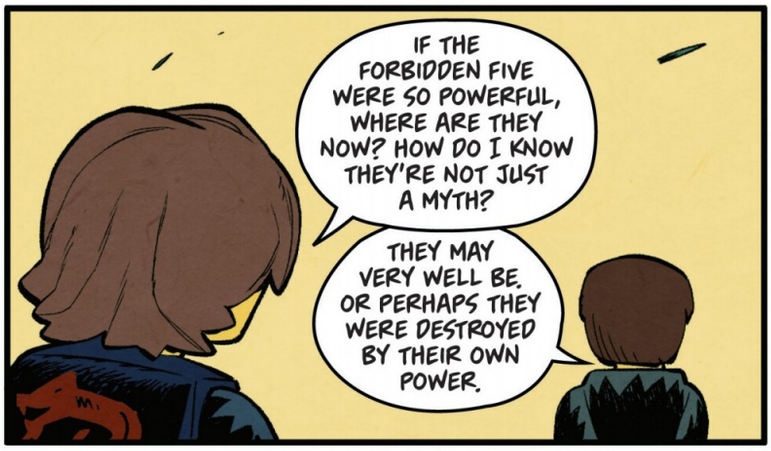
...
VERY WELL.


I SEE NOW THAT THERE'S NO TALKING YOU OUT OF THIS FOOLHARDY DECISION.
W-WHAT'S THIS?
CONSIDER IT A PARTING GIFT FROM A MASTER TO HIS GREATEST STUDENT.
IF YOU TRULY WISH TO END THE WAR, YOU WILL NEED A POWER GREAT ENOUGH TO OVERWHELM AND SUBJUGATE THE SERPENTINE.
YOU WILL NEED THE POWER OF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE.
"THE FORBIDDEN FIVE WERE ANCIENT ELEMENTAL MASTERS WHO FORMED THE WOLF CLAN. LEGEND HAS IT THAT THEY DEVELOPED AN ART OF FIGHTING SO DEADLY, THAT NO OTHER STYLE COULD STAND AGAINST IT."

NOT EVEN YOUR VAUNTED SPINJITZU.
INCREDIBLE...
THIS MAP AND THIS... KEY? IT WILL TAKE ME TO THEM?
SO THE STORY GOES. NO ONE WHO HAS SOUGHT THEM OUT HAS EVER RETURNED.

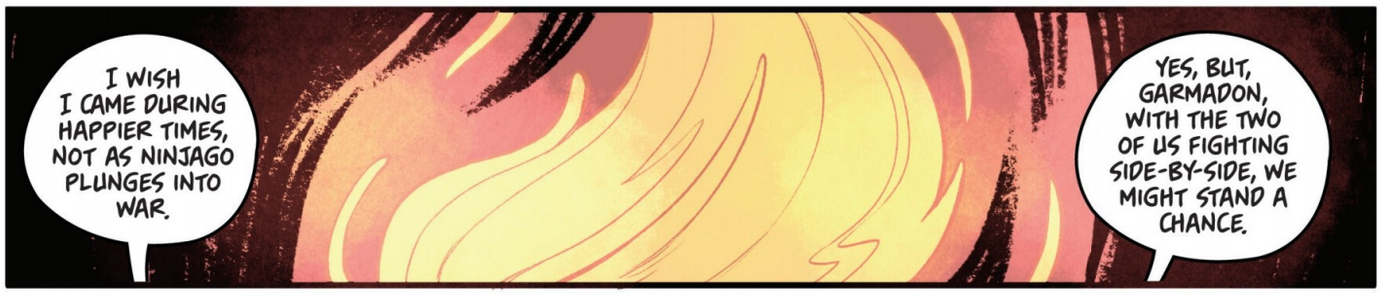

"BUT IF YOU WISH TO LEARN THEIR DARK ARTS, YOU MUST TRAVEL TO A REALM KNOWN AS *THE WYLDNESS* AND SEEK THE SHADOW DOJO, THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE WOLF CLAN.

"BE CAREFUL THOUGH, GARMADON. THEY GUARD THEIR SECRETS JEALOUSLY.
"NOT EVEN A MASTER LIKE MYSELF DARE TO RISK THEIR WRATH."


IF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE WERE SO POWERFUL, WHERE ARE THEY NOW? HOW DO I KNOW THEY'RE NOT JUST A MYTH?
THEY MAY VERY WELL BE. OR PERHAPS THEY WERE DESTROYED BY THEIR OWN POWER.

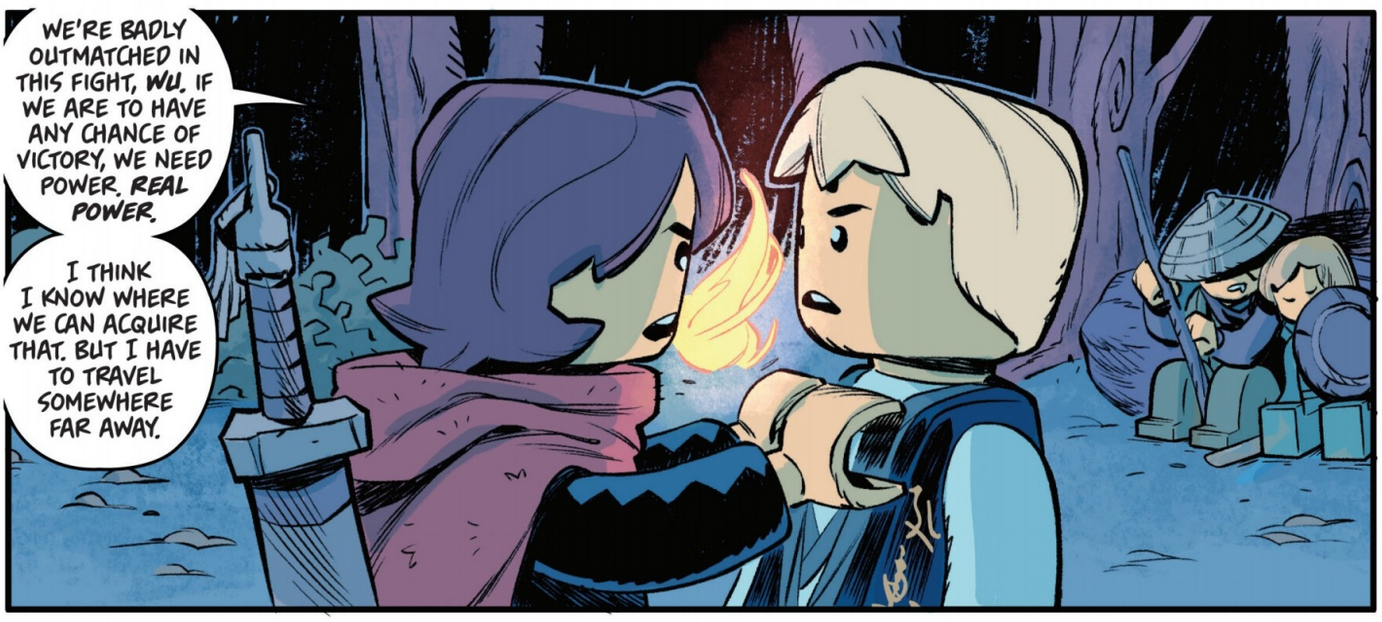
OR MAYBE THEY ARE JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE WORTHY ENOUGH TO CLAIM THEIR SECRETS FOR THEMSELVES.

NICE TRY--
BROTHER-- BUT STEALTH WAS NEVER YOUR FORTE.
HEH. IT'S OVERRATED IN MY OPINION.


I WISH I CAME DURING HAPPIER TIMES, NOT AS NINJAGO PLUNGES INTO WAR.
YES, BUT, GARMADON, WITH THE TWO OF US FIGHTING SIDE-BY-SIDE, WE MIGHT STAND A CHANCE.

I WISH I SHARED YOUR CONFIDENCE.
HERE, SIT WITH ME, BROTHER. THERE'S MUCH TO DISCUSS.

I MIGHT HAVE FOUND A WAY TO TIP THE SCALES IN OUR FAVOR. MAYBE EVEN STOP THIS WAR ALL TOGETHER.
WHAT WAY? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

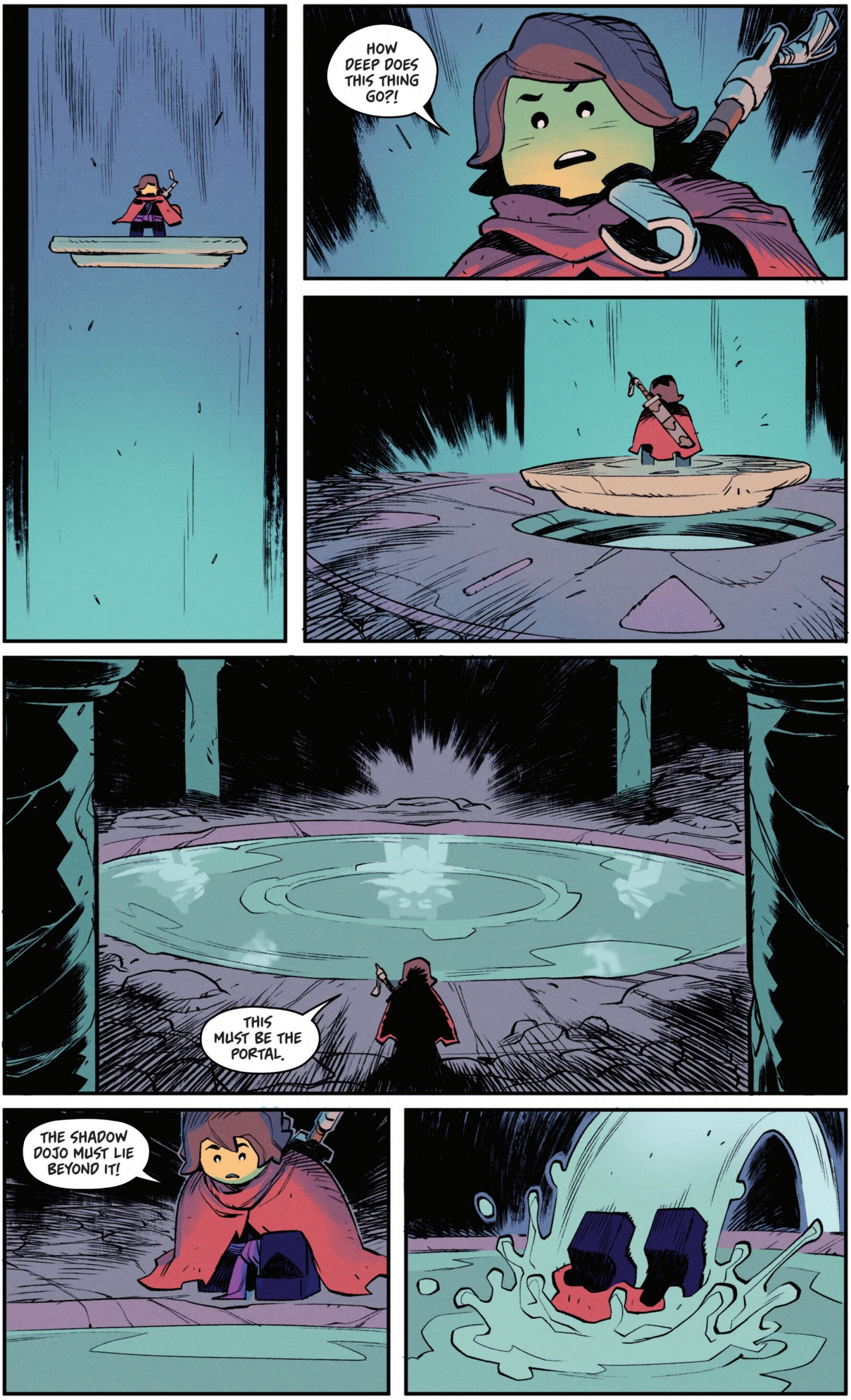

WE'RE BADLY OUTMATCHED IN THIS FIGHT, WU. IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF VICTORY, WE NEED POWER. REAL POWER.
I THINK I KNOW WHERE WE CAN ACQUIRE THAT. BUT I HAVE TO TRAVEL SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY.

TRUE POWER COMES FROM US STANDING BESIDE THE PEOPLE WE CARE ABOUT. WE ALREADY HAVE THAT.

THAT'S WHAT FATHER TAUGHT US.

FATHER'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME.
WE HAVE TO FIND OUR OWN WAYS, WU.
LOOK AT OUR ARMY. VILLAGERS AND YOUNGSTERS THAT HAVE NEVER HELD A SPEAR.
I SNUCK IN HERE LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT, AND THESE SLEEPING FOOLS ARE NONE THE WISER.
THIS IS WHAT'S GOING TO SAVE NINJAGO?
THEY'LL BE ENOUGH. WE'LL ALSO HAVE THE HELP OF THE ELEMENTAL MASTERS.
BAH! THIS ALLIANCE IS TOO NEW AND TOO FRAGILE. I CAN'T PUT MY TRUST IN THEM.
BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL RETURN WITH ENOUGH POWER TO STOP THE SERPENTINE.
YOU'RE A GREAT WARRIOR, GARMADON. GREATER THAN I'LL EVER BE.
BUT ONE DAY YOU'LL LEARN THAT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED THAT'S BEYOND POWER.
OH? AND WHAT'S THAT?
FAITH.
NOT JUST IN YOURSELF--

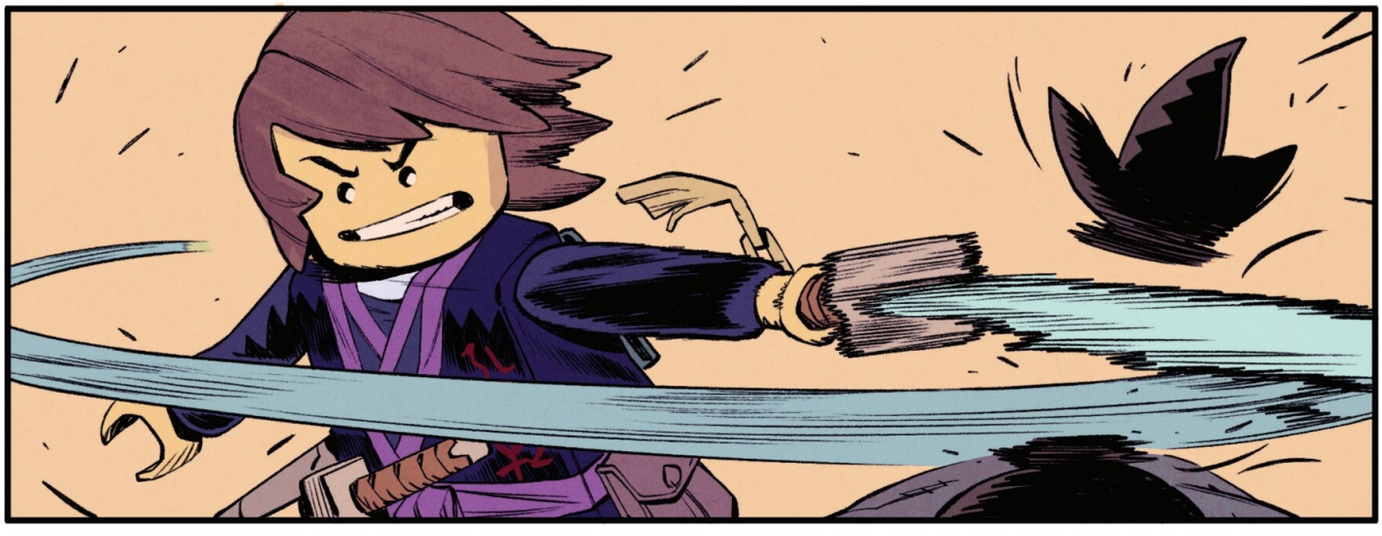
"BUT IN OTHERS."
WELL, THIS IS IT...
BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE.
THERE'S NO INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT I SHOULD DO NEXT TO ENTER THE WYLDNESS.
THIS MAP DOESN'T SAY WHAT TO--


HOW DEEP DOES THIS THING GO?!
THIS MUST BE THE PORTAL.
THE SHADOW DOJO MUST LIE BEYOND IT!

GASP!
I DID IT... I DARED TO DO WHAT EVEN CHEN WAS AFRAID TO TRY...
I MADE IT INTO THE WYLDNESS!
ALTHOUGH I MUST ADMIT, I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING FAR GRANDER.
AND LESS PRICKLY.

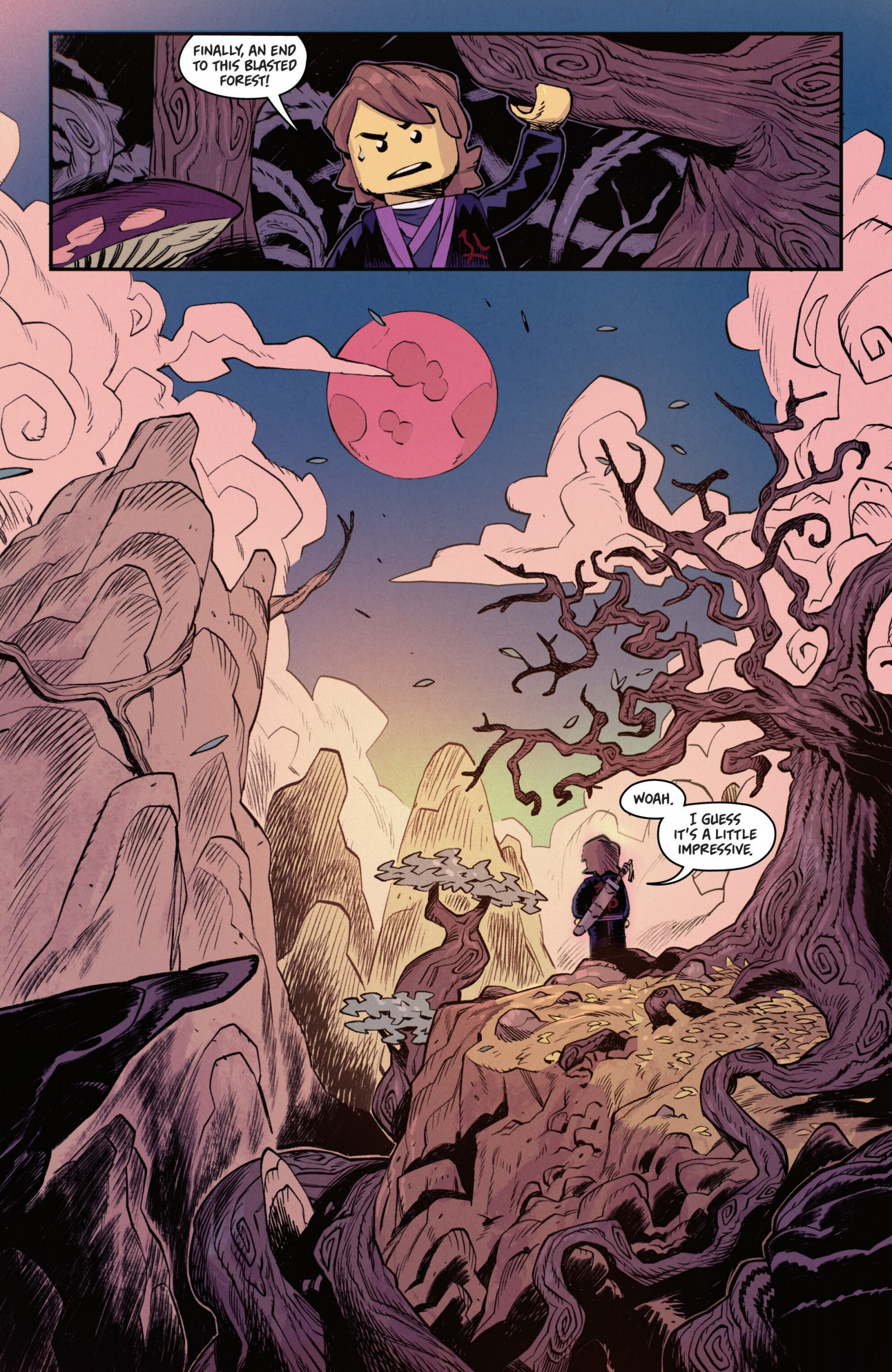
THIS FOREST IS LIKE A MAZE!

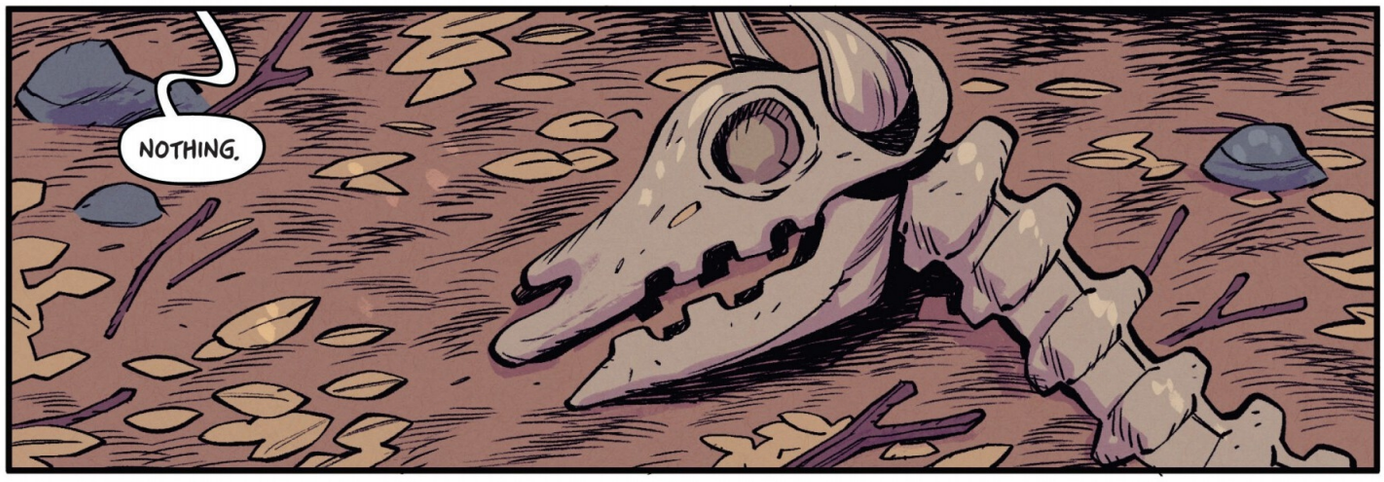
EH?

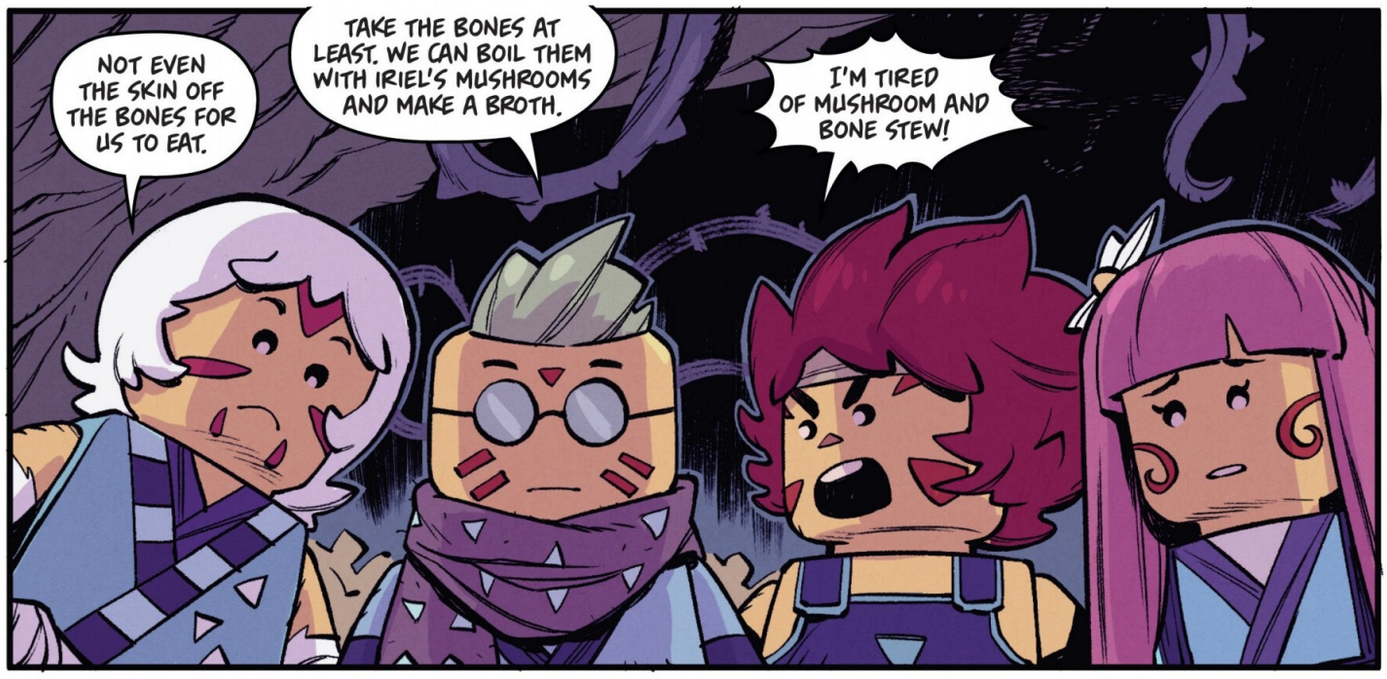


NOTHING?

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED.
THIS IS A DEAD PLACE.


FINALLY, AN END TO THIS BLASTED FOREST!
WOAH.
I GUESS IT'S A LITTLE IMPRESSIVE.


NOTHING.


NOT EVEN THE SKIN OFF THE BONES FOR US TO EAT.
TAKE THE BONES AT LEAST. WE CAN BOIL THEM WITH IRIEL'S MUSHROOMS AND MAKE A BROTH.
I'M TIRED OF MUSHROOM AND BONE STEW!

IT'S SO SAD. THERE'S FEWER AND FEWER ANIMALS IN THIS FOREST EVERY YEAR.
PRETTY SOON NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE ANYMORE.

MAYBE NOT EVEN US, IRIEL.

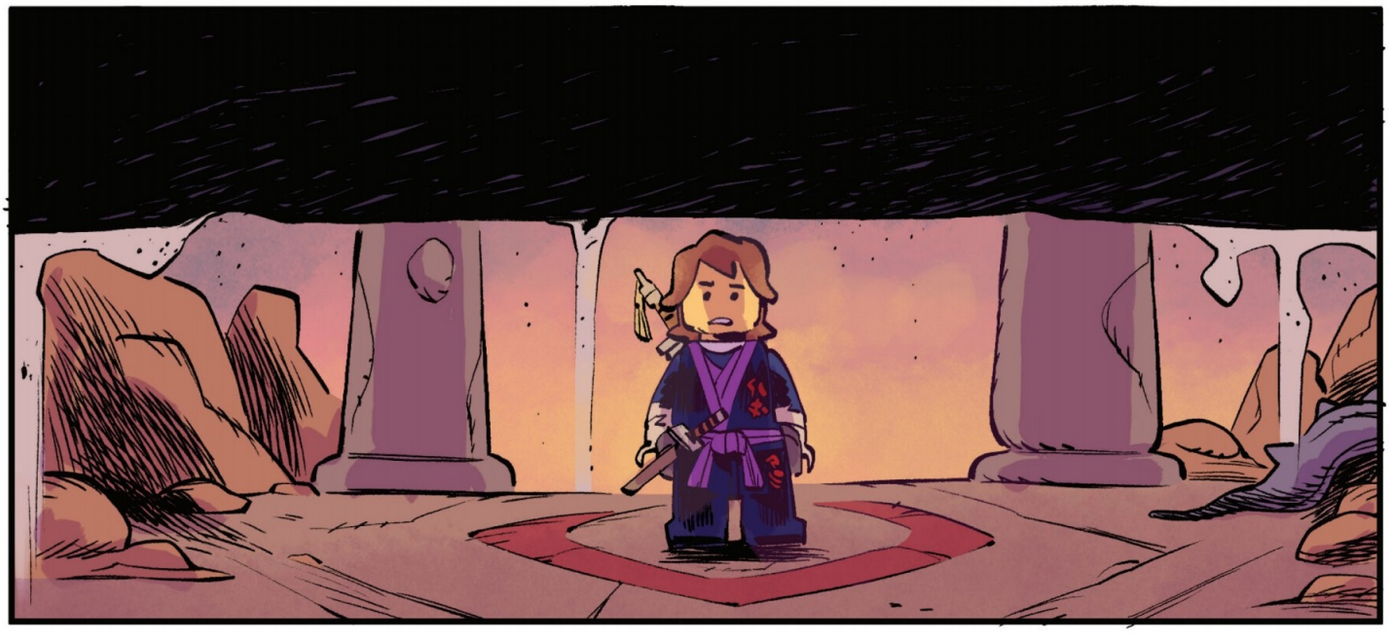
ASA!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!

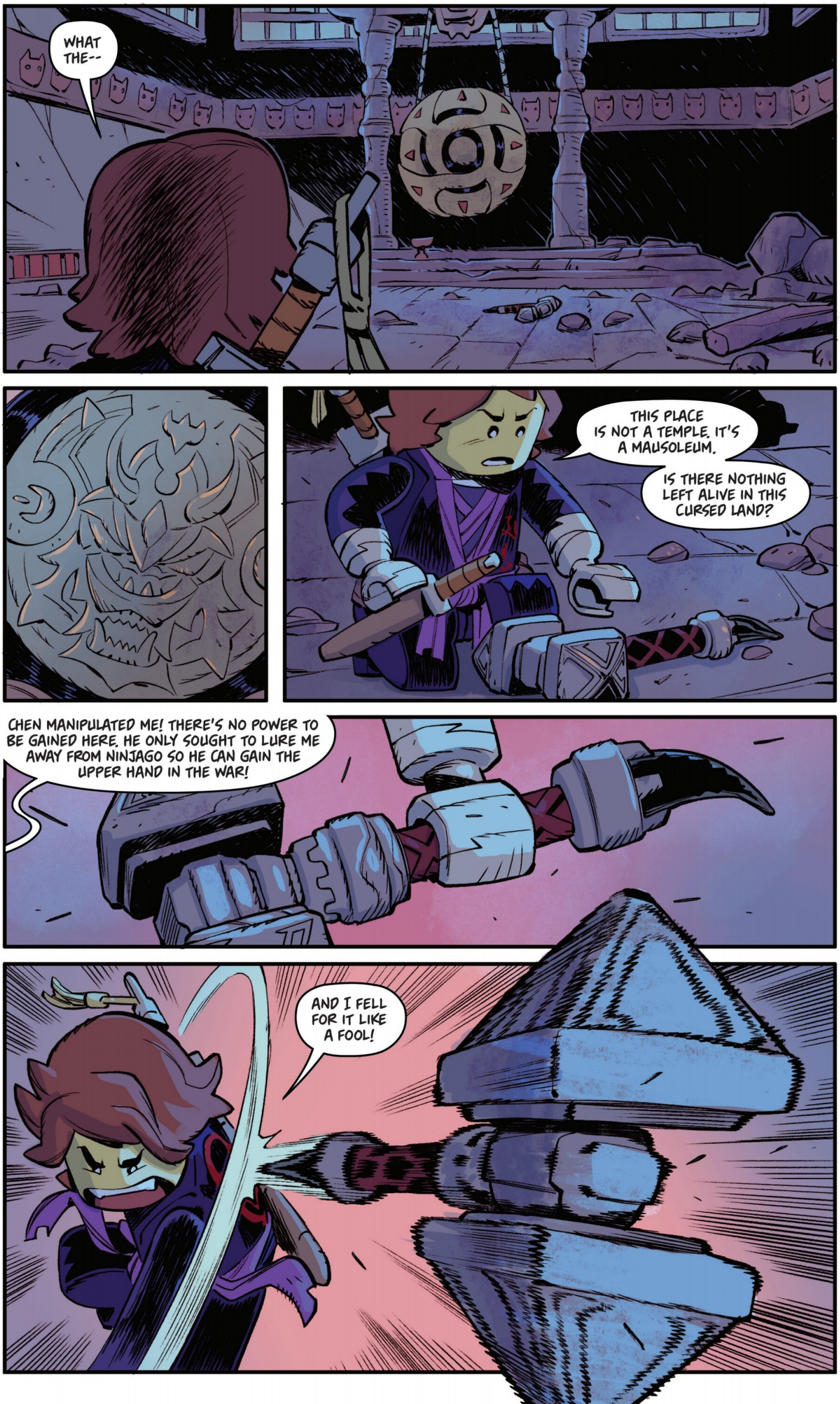
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR?!
I KINDA LIKE IT! MAYBE I'LL CUT MINE LIKE THAT, TOO.
YOU WERE PLAYING BY THE STONE WOLVES? I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO THERE, THAT PLACE IS CURSED!
A STRANGER CAME OUT OF THE POOL?!
BUT...HOW? WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
THEN THEY ATTACKED YOU AND CUT OFF YOUR HAIR?
NOBODY DOES THAT TO MY BROTHER! WHO IS THIS GUY? WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?

SO, THIS IS THE SHADOW DOJO.

FORBIDDEN FIVE!
I AM LORD GARMADON, SON OF THE FIRST SPINJITZU MASTER!
I HAVE COME FROM THE LAND OF NINJAGO, SEEKING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND POWER. IF YOU DEEM ME UNWORTHY OF THIS, THEN COME OUT AND OBLITERATE ME--

OTHERWISE, LET ME ENTER. FOR I WILL NOT BE TURNED AWAY IN THIS MATTER.

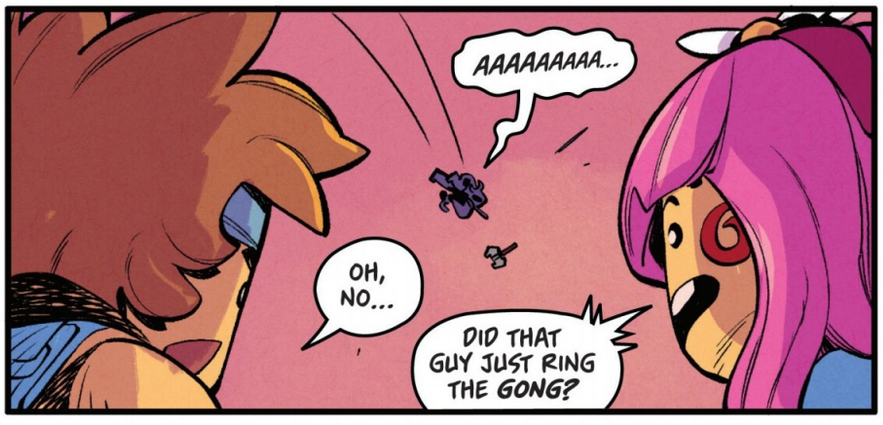



WHAT THE--
THIS PLACE IS NOT A TEMPLE. IT'S A MAUSOLEUM.
IS THERE NOTHING LEFT ALIVE IN THIS CURSED LAND?
CHEN MANIPULATED ME! THERE'S NO POWER TO BE GAINED HERE. HE ONLY SOUGHT TO LURE ME AWAY FROM NINJAGO SO HE CAN GAIN THE UPPER HAND IN THE WAR!
AND I FELL FOR IT LIKE A FOOL!

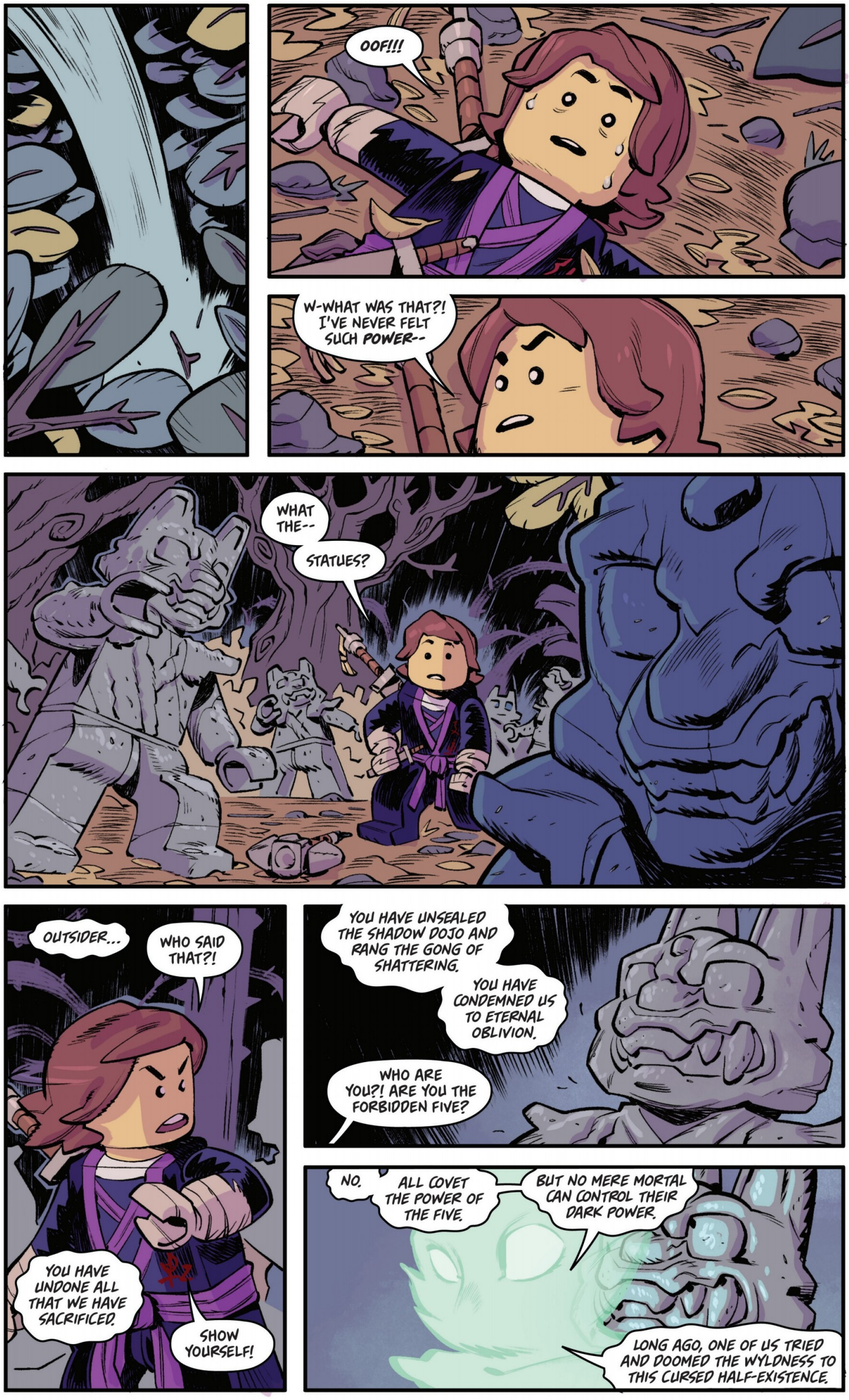
BWONG!

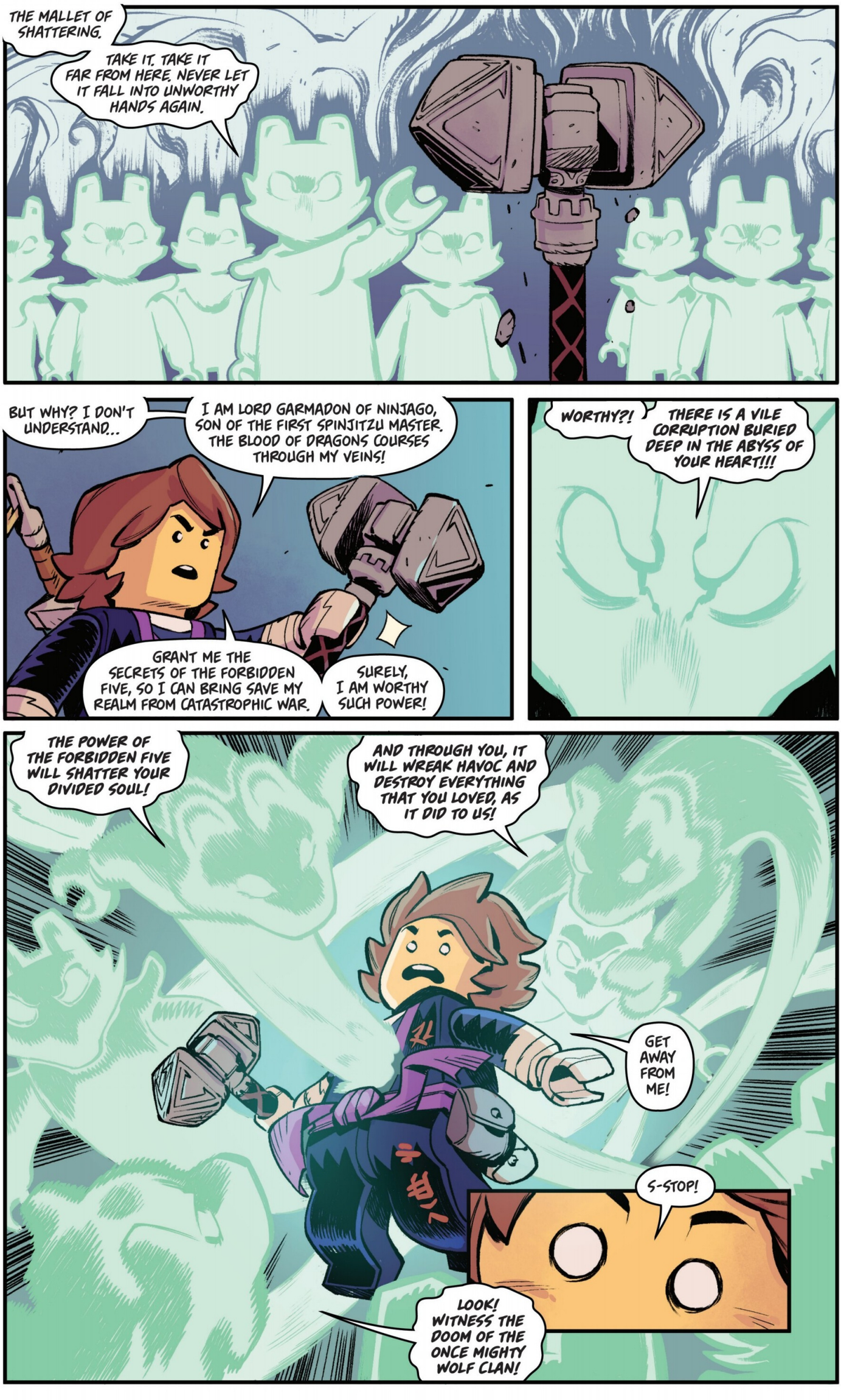
BALUN, LOOK! THE TEMPLE...IT'S OPEN!
HOW...
COULD IT HAVE BEEN THAT STRANGER?
I DON'T CARE IF HE OPENED THE GATE. I'M STILL GOING TO TEACH HIM A LESSON FOR PICKING ON ASA.

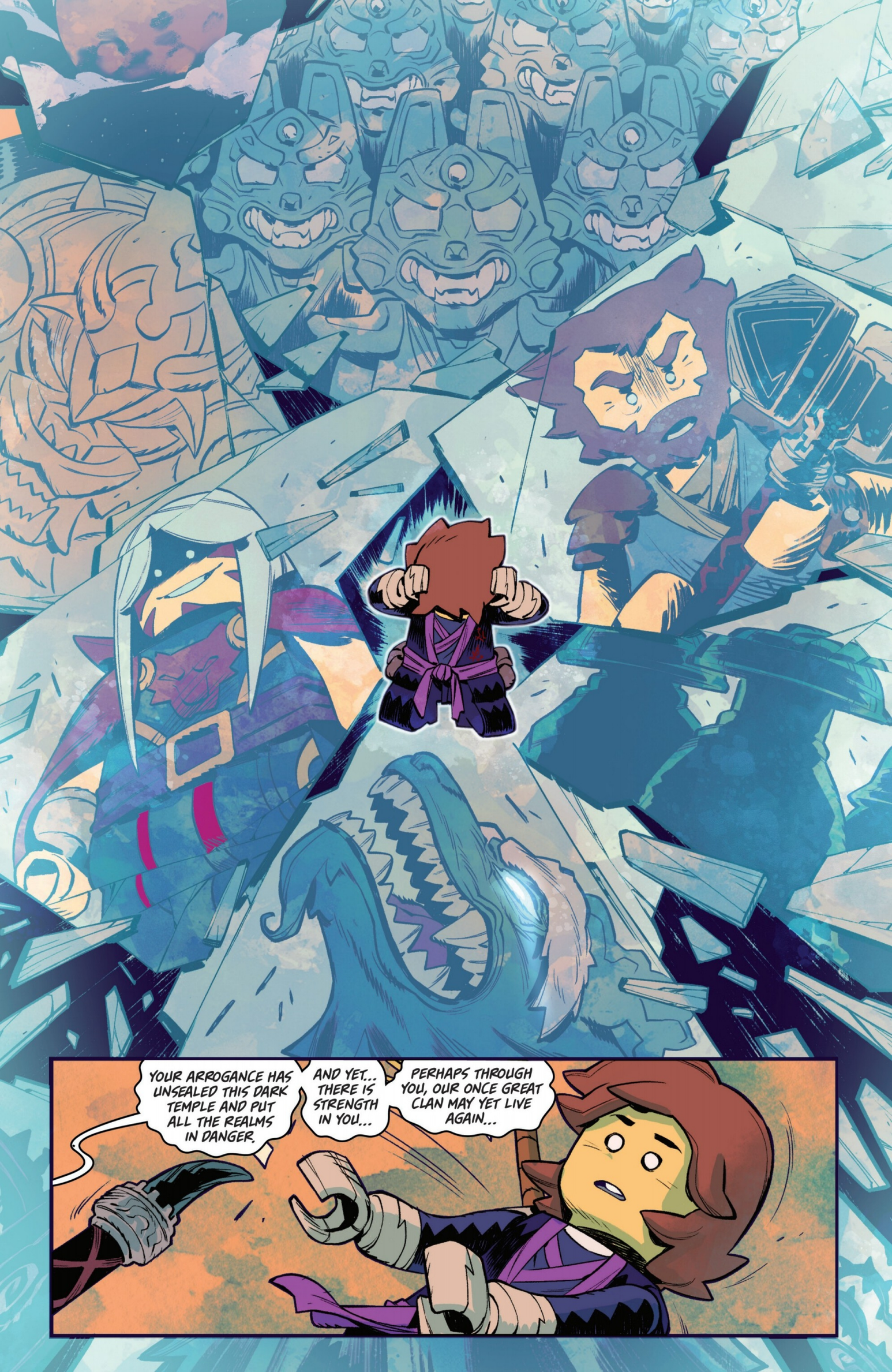
BOOM!


AAAAAAAAA...
OH, NO...
DID THAT GUY JUST RING THE GONG?

MAY THE FIVE PROTECT US... THAT MEANS...
THE LYCAN KING WILL HAVE HEARD IT!
QUICK, WE HAVE TO FIND WHOEVER THAT FOOL IS BEFORE HE ARRIVES!


OOF!!!
W-WHAT WAS THAT?! I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH POWER--
WHAT THE--
STATUES?
OUTSIDER...
WHO SAID THAT?!
YOU HAVE UNDONE ALL THAT WE HAVE SACRIFICED.
SHOW YOURSELF!
YOU HAVE UNSEALED THE SHADOW DOJO AND RANG THE GONG OF SHATTERING.
YOU HAVE CONDEMNED US TO ETERNAL OBLIVION.
WHO ARE YOU?! ARE YOU THE FORBIDDEN FIVE?
NO.
ALL COVET THE POWER OF THE FIVE.
BUT NO MERE MORTAL CAN CONTROL THEIR DARK POWER.
LONG AGO, ONE OF US TRIED AND DOOMED THE WYLDNESS TO THIS CURSED HALF-EXISTENCE.


THE MALLET OF SHATTERING.
TAKE IT. TAKE IT FAR FROM HERE. NEVER LET IT FALL INTO UNWORTHY HANDS AGAIN.
BUT WHY? I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
I AM LORD GARMADON OF NINJAGO, SON OF THE FIRST SPINJITZU MASTER. THE BLOOD OF DRAGONS COURSES THROUGH MY VEINS!
GRANT ME THE SECRETS OF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE, SO I CAN BRING SAVE MY REALM FROM CATASTROPHIC WAR.
SURELY, I AM WORTHY SUCH POWER!
WORTHY?!
THERE IS A VILE CORRUPTION BURIED DEEP IN THE ABYSS OF YOUR HEART!!!
THE POWER OF THE FORBIDDEN FIVE WILL SHATTER YOUR DIVIDED SOUL!
AND THROUGH YOU, IT WILL WREAK HAVOC AND DESTROY EVERYTHING THAT YOU LOVED, AS IT DID TO US!
GET AWAY FROM ME!
S-STOP!
LOOK! WITNESS THE DOOM OF THE ONCE MIGHTY WOLF CLAN!


YOUR ARROGANCE HAS UNSEALED THIS DARK TEMPLE AND PUT ALL THE REALMS IN DANGER.
AND YET... THERE IS STRENGTH IN YOU...
PERHAPS THROUGH YOU, OUR ONCE GREAT CLAN MAY YET LIVE AGAIN...

LOOK! THERE HE IS!
WHO IS THIS GUY?
HIS CLOTHES ARE STRANGE. I DON'T THINK HE'S FROM AROUND HERE.
I'LL HANDLE THIS.
HEY, YOU! WAKE UP!
WHY'D YOU MESS WITH ASA'S HAIR?
SMAK SMAK
STOP IT, WARBY. CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S IN SOME KIND OF TRANCE?
GRRRRRRR
OH, NO...
HE'S HERE...

THE LYCAN KING...

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WELCOME BACK TO NINJAGO!

Welcome back in time to the Serpentine War...

When we last saw Garmadon, he had just aided Two Moon Village in defeating Mogra and the former Sons of Garmadon, walking off into the sunset, in search of his next adventure.

However, in this series we find a much younger Garmadon sent on a secret mission by Master Chen to help the Elemental Masters turn the tide against the Serpentine: to learn a forgotten martial art – SHATTERSPIN!

Yes, the same forbidden technique recently unveiled in LEGO® NINJAGO®: Dragons Rising Season 2. In fact, you've probably already spotted several elements from that series in this issue: the Mallet of Shattering, the Gong of Shattering, the Shadow Dojo, and yes, the Wolf Masks. Garmadon's journey into the Wyldness is also filled with new allies and new enemies, some of which you've already met this issue... with more to come.

Joining us on this five-issue adventure is Tri Vuong, the writer/artist of LEGO NINJAGO: GARMADON. The action and emotion of his storytelling is unparalleled, and he's designed lots of amazing new characters that populate the Wyldness, filling them with tremendous personality. What secrets do they hold? Keep reading to find out!

Inker extraordinaire Riccardo Robaldo, color KJ Diaz, and letterer Pat Brosseau complete our creative team, hard at work at crafting this exciting new addition to the world of Ninjago!

It's a great year to be a LEGO NINJAGO comic fan, and SHATTERSPIN #1 is only the start of a more epic adventure!

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SKETCHBOOK

Meet the children of the Wyldness--
Zuri, Balun, Warby, Iriel and Asa!

Who are they? Find out more next issue!

A size comparison between an early Asa design and another new character.

Another early exploration as Tri explored how to distinguish the look of the children in this realm compared to what we've previously seen in the land of Ninjago.